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- 1. From a totally independent source, the information concerning the decimation of a Cretan battalion in Northern Greece has been confirmed.
- 2. The army, in forming units in Crete early in 1945, divided these into pro-leftist and pro-rightist. The leftist-inclined units were dispatched to Macodonia in order to help the rightists achieve a better balance of power in Crete and to give the leftists a chance to see for themselves that the Communists were working hand in hand with the Slavs. It appears that the battalion which suffered great reverses was one of these leftist battalions. The greater part of it defected or refused to fight. Units which may now be sent from Crete will be more nationalistic.

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